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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6751

BILL NUMBER: SB 332

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 28, 2009

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Vegetation Management.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Breaux

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
X DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires electric utilities to follow certain guidelines when performing vegetation management. It requires the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) to include in its annual report to the Regulatory Flexibility Committee the number and status of consumer complaints concerning vegetation management.

Effective Date: Upon passage; July 1, 2010.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *IURC* : This bill will increase administrative expenditures of the IURC by requiring the IURC to conduct hearings, investigate, and resolve disputes relating to the vegetation management practices of utilities. It also requires the IURC to include in its annual report to the Regulatory Flexibility Committee the number and status of consumer complaints concerning vegetation management. Any increase in expenditures to the IURC is indeterminable, but would be offset by public utility fees.

Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC): This bill could increase administrative expenditures for the OUCC. This bill requires the OUCC to represent affected property owners in proceedings before the IURC. The funds and resources required could be supplied through a variety of sources, including the following: (1) existing staff and resources not currently being used to capacity; (2) existing staff and resources currently being used in another program; (3) authorized, but vacant, staff positions, including those positions that would need to be reclassified; (4) funds that, otherwise, would be reverted; or (5) new appropriations

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: IURC; OUCC.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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